

Pharmacokinetic evaluation of linezolid in burn patients

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**NO CONFLICT OF
INTEREST**

INTRODUCTION

- **Patients with major burns experience pathological changes which have been shown to influence the pharmacokinetics of antibiotics.**
- **Subsequently it has been demonstrated that conventional doses of some antibiotics given to patients with major burns may result in sub-therapeutic serum concentrations .**

INTRODUCTION

Linezolid is an antibiotic with time-dependent activity, PK/PD considerations are important in optimizing both antibacterial activity and development of resistance to linezolid.

Because of its intrinsic chemico-physical and pharmacokinetic characteristics, it is assumed that adequate serum linezolid concentrations will be achieved most of the time when using the recommended dose of 600 mg every 12 hours.

RESEARCH

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Variability of linezolid concentrations after standard dosing in critically ill patients: a prospective observational study

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Conclusions: A high variability of linezolid serum concentrations with a substantial percentage of potentially subtherapeutic levels was observed in intensive care patients. The findings suggest that therapeutic drug monitoring of linezolid might be helpful for adequate dosing of linezolid in critically ill patients.

Pharmacokinetic/Pharmacodynamic Factors Influencing Emergence of Resistance to Linezolid in an In Vitro Model^V

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It is clear that if Linezolid is used in thermal patients as a 600 mg intravenous twice a day, blood concentrations may be relatively low and risk of emergence of resistance to linezolid increased indicating that higher doses will be needed



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Pharmacocinétique du linézolide chez des patients souffrant de brûlures sévères[☆]

Pharmacokinetic evaluation of linezolid in patients with major thermal injuries[☆]

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Methods: In an open-label, multicentre design with two parallel groups, a group of patients with major thermal injuries (>20% body area) and a group of age-, sex- and weight-matched healthy volunteers, subjects received a single 600 mg intravenous dose of linezolid. Serial blood and urine collections were made and the concentrations of linezolid in these samples were determined by HPLC. Non-compartmental analyses were used to describe the pharmacokinetic disposition of linezolid.

H4: 2.5mg/l

H12: 0.2mg/l

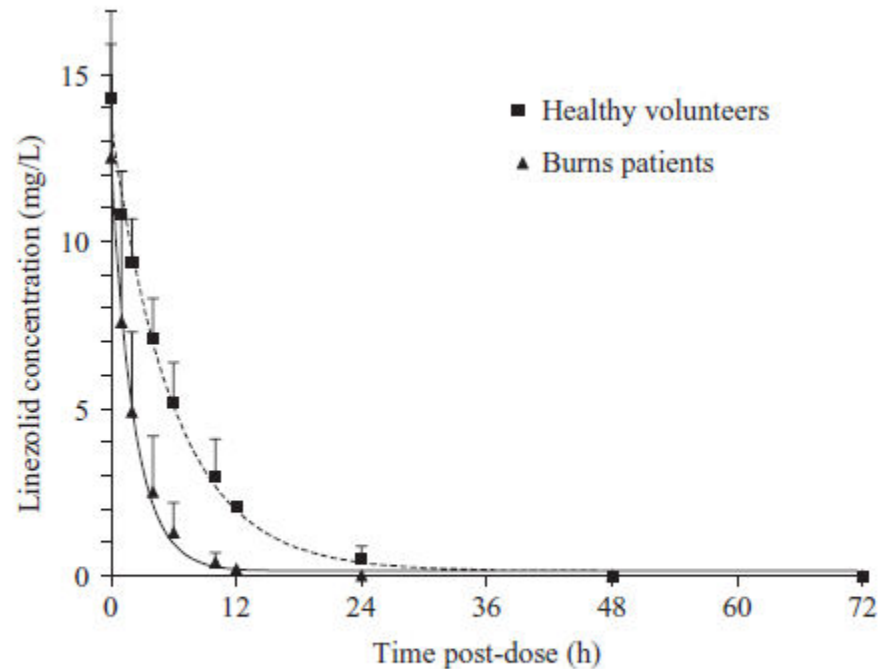


Figure 1. Mean (\pm SD) plot of linezolid concentration in plasma against time by group.

available in other populations with increased linezolid clearance, increasing the dosing frequency to a three times a day administration of 600 mg seems logical. However, the number of patients in the study was modest and the changes proposed to

AIM OF STUDY

the pharmacokinetics of linezolid after 3 doses administration of 600mg in major burn-injured patients

The thresholds for potential therapeutic efficacy were defined as

Cmin >2 mg/L and/or AUC24 > 200 mg*h/L.

AUC24/MIC- > 80 to 120

fT>MIC > 85% interval during which antibiotic concentration remain > the MIC

METHODOLOGY

Prospective study performed in a 20-bed adult burn unit in a university hospital in Tunisia.

Inclusion criteria:

- **Patients with documented and/or suspected MDR Gram-positive**
- **TBSA \geq 20%**

Exclusion criteria:

- **Age < 18 years**
- **Pregnancy.**

METHODOLOGY

- Enrolled patients received linezolid as a **3 intravenous doses: 600 mg every 8 hours in a 1 h infusion.**
- Blood samples, for pharmacokinetic analysis, were taken **5 min after the end of the infusion, 5min before the second and the third dose and 5 min before the dose of the day after.**



- To assess linezolid serum level, 4mL of blood was drawn from an arterial line, centrifuged and then conserved at -80°C until analysed.

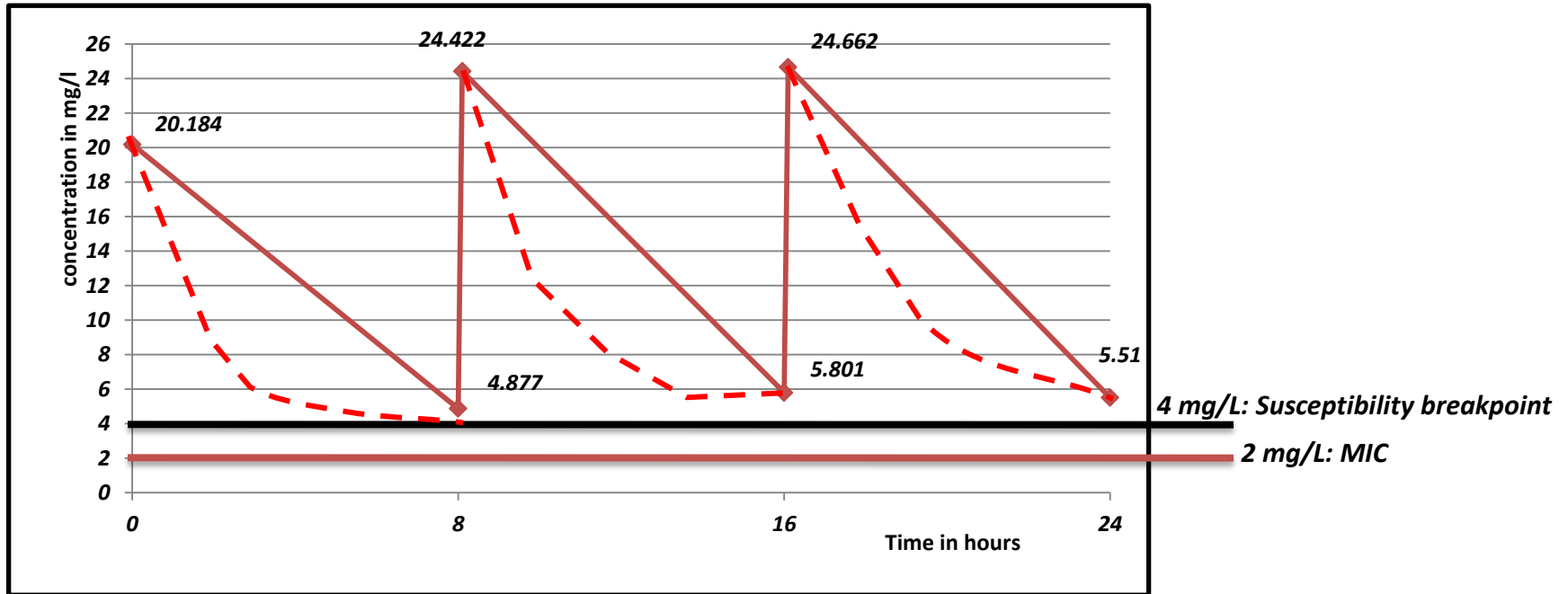
RESULTS

10 septic burn patients were considered eligible for the study.

Characteristics of patients

	N = 10
Sex	8H/2F
Age (years)	39 ± 22
TBSA (%)	30 ± 11
Weight (kg)	68 ± 11
Créatinine (μmol/l)	73 ± 38
Platelet count (mean)	276 ± 176

RESULTS



**Mean plasma concentrations of
linezolid in all patients**

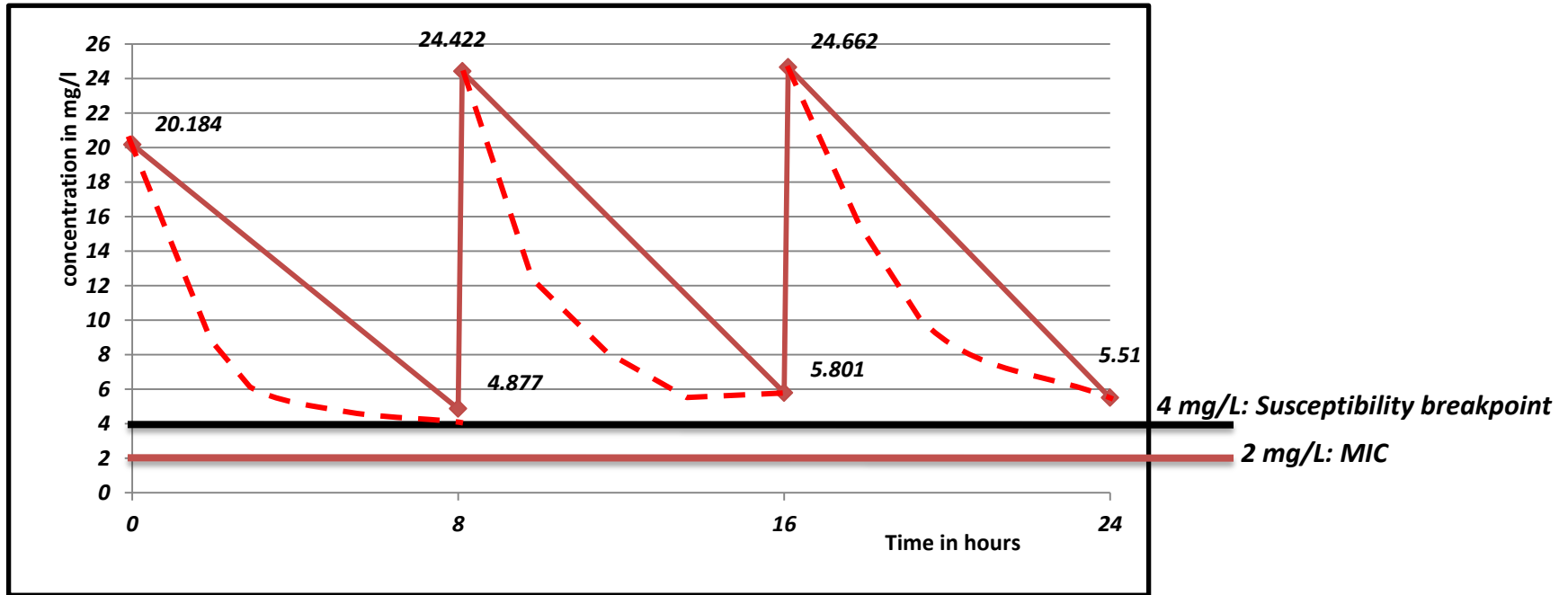
Linezolid pharmacokinetic parameters of all patients

Patient No.	AUC _{0-24h} (mg/h/L)	AUC/MIC(2 mg/L)	Cmin (mg/L)
M1	324	162	6.11
M2	263.07	131.53	6.21
M3	257.58	128.79	6.04
M4	173.28	86.64	2.11
M5	179.52	89.625	3.05
M6	198	99	6.39
M7	107.49	53.745	1.2
M8	488.94	244.47	6.19
M9	387.9	193.95	8.31
M10	151.08	75.54	2.84
Mean	253.05 ± 118.04	126.529	4.84 ± 2.33

❑ inter-patient variability was observed: The AUC₂₄-values ranged from **107.49** to **488.94** mg/h/L (median **253.05** mg/h/L)

❑ The high inter-patient variability was also observed for single Cmin-values (range from 1.2 to 8.31 mg/L, median **4.84 ± 2.33** mg/L).

RESULTS



- **$fT > MIC > 85\%$**
- **Time interval during which antibiotic concentration remain $>$ the MIC for 100%.**

CONCLUSIONS

- ❑ **Linezolid administration in major burn patients at the dose of 600 mg three times a day allows to reach the thresholds for therapeutic efficacy.**
- ❑ **Improve clinical outcome and minimize the emergence of antibiotic resistance**
- ❑ **the use of therapeutic drug monitoring (TDM) in attempt to optimize the exposure of antibiotics is essential particularly in Burn patient.**

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